

Meeting Minutes

Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission Tuesday, July 28, 2015 – Minneapolis Central Library

Meeting attendees: Queen Kimmons, Ishmael Israel, David Zaffrann, Tessa Wetjen, Raya Esmaeili, David Boyd, Antione Martinneau, Nasser Mussa, Francisco Segovia, Eric Gustafson, Denis Houle, Debra Behrens and Braulio Carrasco.

NCEC members excused: Doron Clark and Nick Cichowicz.

1. Public Comment

No members of the public were present to speak during this allotted time period.

2. Introductions

Call to order: Chair Israel called the July 28, 2015 meeting to order at 5:17p.m.

Approve Agenda:

Motion: Wetjen, seconded by Gustafson to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Executive Committee Reports

Chair's Report: Chair Israel welcomed the new commissioners to the NCEC.

Secretary's Report:

1. **Minutes:** Wetjen would like to attach the list of Community Innovation Fund (CIF) proposals that were recommended for approval to the June 2015 minutes.

Motion: Gustafson moves to approve the June 2015 minutes with the addition to attach the CIF recommendations. Wetjen Seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **Attendance Report:** Commissioners Clark and Cichowicz are excused from the July meeting.

4. Election of Officers

- A. **Election of Chair:** Israel passed the role of the chair to Behrens during the election of the chair.

Behrens opened the floor for nominations of the chair.

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Israel was nominated for chair and accepted the nomination. No other nominations were brought forward.

Motion: Wetjen moves to elect Israel unanimously to the position of the chair for year 2015-2016. Boyd Seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Israel resumed the position of the chair from Behrens.

B. Vice Chair: Israel opened the floor for nominations of the vice chair.

Gustafson was nominated for the vice chair and declined the nomination.

Zaffrann was nominated for the vice chair and declined the nomination.

Wetjen was nominated for the vice chair and accepted the nomination. No other nominations were brought forward.

Motion: Houle moves to elect Wetjen by acclamation to the position of the vice chair for year 2015-2016. Boyd Seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Second Vice Chair: Israel opened the floor for nominations of the second vice chair.

Kimmons was nominated for the second vice chair and accepted the nomination. No other nominations were brought forward.

Motion: Martinneau moves to elect Kimmons by acclamation to the position of the second vice chair for year 2015-2016. Esmaeili Seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Secretary: Israel opened the floor for nominations of the secretary.

Zaffrann was nominated for the secretary and accepted the nomination. No other nominations were brought forward.

Motion: Martinneau moves to elect Zaffrann by acclamation to the position of the secretary for year 2015-2016. Kimmons Seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The 2015-2016 Executive Committee is as follows:

Chair: Israel

Vice Chair: Wetjen

2nd Vice Chair: Kimmons

Secretary: Zaffrann

5. NRP Policy Board Report

Behrens reported that there was a NRP Policy Board meeting held on Tuesday, June 30th. Israel reported, on behalf of former commissioners Strand, that the NPR Policy board reviewed the draft NRP Fund Balance policy but did not take any action; the board did take action to approve the Sumner Glenwood Phase II Action Plan.

Israel reported that the commission needs to appoint 4 members to serve on the NRP Policy Board. Behrens, a current NRP Policy Board member shared with the group an overview on what it's like to serve on the NRP Policy Board.

Israel opened the floor for nominations to serve on the NRP Policy Board.

Mussa was nominated to serve on the NRP Policy Board and accepted the nomination.

Boyd was nominated to serve on the NRP Policy Board and accepted the nomination.

Segovia was nominated to serve on the NRP Policy Board and accepted the nomination.

Clark was nominated to serve on the NRP Policy Board and accepted the nomination.

Behrens was nominated to serve on the NRP Policy Board and accepted the nomination. No other nominations were brought forward.

Because 5 commissioners were nominated and accepted their nomination to serve on the NRP Policy Board the commission voted for 4 of the 5 to serve by a paper ballot. The results of the ballots were as follows: Mussa, Boyd, Segovia and Behrens.

6. Committee and Task Force Reports

Each committee and membership was reviewed for the new commissioners.

- A. Community Innovation Fund:** Zaffrann reviewed the role of the committee and shared the names of the current committee members; Zaffrann, Israel, Houle and Kimmons. There are still openings for new commissioners to join the commission, let Zaffrann know if you are interested in joining the committee.
- B. Policy Task Force Proposed Charge:** Wetjen reviewed the charge she brought forward for the proposed Policy Task Force.

Zaffrann asked if the intent of the task force was a way to create policy recommendations to the City Council as an advisory body.

Wetjen replied that it is a way to make sure that we are having policy discussions in a timely manner and determine what role the NCEC plays. This task force would explore options on how these discussions could happen, and test them out.

Wetjen asked for interested commissioners to convene for the first meeting. Kimmons, Zaffrann, Boyd, Gustafson, Mussa, Segovia, Houle and Israel are interested.

There was no action taken on the proposed charge.

- C. One Minneapolis Fund:** Wetjen reviewed the role of the One Minneapolis Fund Committee and that we are now on the third cycle of funding for the program. Current members on the committee are, Wetjen, Houle, Israel, and Zaffrann. New commissioners Esmaeili and Mussa are joining the committee.

D. City Department Engagement Task Force: Blin stated that the task force has been on hiatus for the past couple of months but work on improving engagement amongst city departments. Current members on the Task Force are, Clark, Gustafson, Israel, Segovia and Behrens. New members Kimmons, Mussa, and Martinneau are interested in joining the committee.

E. Neighborhoods 2020: Gustafson gave an overview of the work of the task force. The goal is to lay out a plan to hold discussions about the future of neighborhoods beyond the year 2020.

The July 28, 2015 NCEC meeting was cut short due to a water main break that closed the library. The remaining agenda items will be forwarded to the August NCEC meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:34p.m.